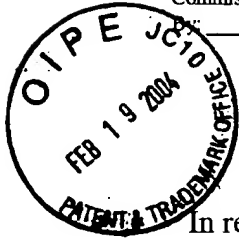


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003. Please note that the period for response has been extended until February 17, 2003 by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.